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FEBRUARY PRICES RECEIVED UP

SIOUX FALLS, February 28, 2007 -- Preliminary February prices were up from January for corn, soybeans, sunflower, oats, alfalfa hay and other hay, while spring wheat and winter wheat were down, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Preliminary prices for barrows and gilts, sows, steers and heifers, calves, and cows were up.

For February, the preliminary winter wheat price, at \$4.49, was down 4 cents from last month but up 87 cents from last February. The spring wheat price, at \$4.68, was 2 cents lower than last month but 70 cents higher than last year. The February soybean price, at \$6.60, was 48 cents higher than last month and \$1.24 higher than last year. The corn price, at \$3.20, was up 30 cents from last month and up \$1.39 from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$14.20, was up 60 cents from last month and up \$3.80 from last year.

The preliminary February barrow and gilt price, at \$49.60, was up \$5.10 from last month and up \$5.10 from last year, while sows, at \$30.60, were up \$2.00 from January and up 70 cents from February 2006.

The preliminary February steer and heifer price, at \$96.50, was up \$4.40 from January but down \$10.50 from February of last year. Calves, at \$116.00, were up \$4.00 from last month but down \$25.00 from February 2006.

The February alfalfa price, at \$85.00 per ton, was up \$1.00 from last month and up \$17.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$71.00, was up \$2.00 from last month and up \$16.00 from February 2006.

Prices Received by South Dakota Farmers

Commodity	Unit	February 2006 ¹	January 2007 ¹	February 2007 ²
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn	Bu.	1.81	2.90	3.20
Soybeans	Bu.	5.36	6.12	6.60
Sunflower	Cwt.	10.40	13.60	14.20
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.81	4.59	4.55
Winter	Bu.	3.62	4.53	4.49
Other Spring	Bu.	3.98	4.70	4.68
Barley, All	Bu.	2.29	NA	NA
Feed	Bu.	1.20	NA	NA
Malt	Bu.	2.30	NA	NA
Oats	Bu.	1.80	2.36	2.40
Hay, All	Ton	66.00	81.00	82.00
Alfalfa	Ton	68.00	84.00	85.00
Other	Ton	55.00	69.00	71.00
Cattle, All Beef ³	Cwt.	101.00	84.20	91.20
Cows	Cwt.	52.10	45.40	47.90
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	107.00	92.10	96.50
Calves ⁴	Cwt.	141.00	112.00	116.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	43.00	42.40	47.70
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	44.50	44.50	49.60
Sows	Cwt.	29.90	28.60	30.60
Lambs	Cwt.	101.00	107.00	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	43.00	37.60	NA

¹ Entire month. ² Mid-month. ³ Over 500 lbs. ⁴ Under 500 lbs. NA = Not Available

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